

HOUSE RESOLUTION 132

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Jerry H. Futrell of Carthage.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Jerry H. Futrell; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Futrell was an exemplary public servant and skilled businessman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Oel L. Futrell, Sr., and Jewel Holder Futrell, Dr. Jerry Futrell was born on November 11, 1935, in Choudrant, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Ouachita Parish High School in 1953, and went on to graduate from the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1957; and

WHEREAS, after serving his fellow citizens with probity and integrity, Dr. Futrell retired in 1985 as a Carthage pharmacist and former owner of Read Brothers Drug Company; and

WHEREAS, among his many professional accomplishments, Dr. Futrell established Hospital Discount Pharmacy with colleagues Alan Long and John Conger, as well as Clinic Pharmacy with colleague Sam Petty; and

WHEREAS, he served as the regional President of Mid-South Bank and Trust Company from 1985 to 1991, at which point he went on to become Administrator of Smith County Memorial Hospital, now known as Riverview Regional Medical Center, from 1991 to 2001, and he had served on the Hospital Board of Trustees since 1965; and

WHEREAS, committed to public service, Dr. Jerry Futrell served as Smith County Commissioner since 1994, serving as chairman of the budget and finance committee, and he

was a member of the Carthage City Council for twenty-one years, serving as Vice-Mayor and Chairman of the Police Committee; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding civic leader also served as Chairman of Upper Cumberland and Smith County Health Council, charter member and Chairman of Leadership Smith County, Smith County Grand Jury Foreman, President of the Carthage Rotary Club, and Chairman of the Board of the Smith County Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Futrell devoted his time to serve with numerous committees and organizations, including the Smith County Health Facilities Board, the Smith County Housing Board, Prospect Incorporated, the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association, the executive committee of Nashville and Eastern Railroad Authority, and the Executive Committee of the Smith County Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, complimenting his business savvy and incredible aptitude for leadership, Dr. Jerry Futrell graced hundreds of funerals and weddings with his musical ability through song; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of the Carthage United Methodist Church, where he sang with the choir since 1963, and served on the church council and building committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Futrell was a valuable member of the Smith County Democratic Party, as well as a personal friend the late Senator Albert and Pauline Gore and former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper Gore; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jerry Futrell proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed by his three sons and their wives and families, Ken and Lisa Futrell, Andy and Wesleigh Futrell, and Trent and Amy Futrell; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by the mother of his sons, June Empson Futrell, his beloved sister, Joy Alford, and his brother, Oel L. Futrell, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and admired by his many friends and colleagues, Dr. Futrell was a gentleman and civic leader who took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Jerry H. Futrell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Futrell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.